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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : McCown et al.  
Serial No. : 09/057,313  
Filed : April 8, 1998  
Title : CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Docket : 033449-002  
Examiner : McAllister  
Art Unit : 3652

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and it is requested that this Amendment be entered prior to further examination. This Amendment supersedes and replaces the Amendment After Final Rejection mailed on March 17, 2006 and received by the Office on March 20, 2006. Please amend this application as follows:

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